



Washington, D.C. 20505

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Mr. Jason Smathers
MuckRock
185 Beacon Street #3
Somerville, MA 02143

Reference: F-2011-01844

Dear Mr. Smathers:

On 15 July 2011, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 15 July 2011 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, made on behalf of MuckRock, for **"All communication to or from any member of the US Congress or their representatives where the communication is on, about, mentioning or concerning PISAP."** We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding with us so that we can identify it easily.

The CIA Information Act, 50 U.S.C. § 431, as amended, exempts CIA operational files from the search, review, publication, and disclosure requirements of the FOIA. To the extent your request seeks information that is subject to the FOIA, we accept your request and will process it in accordance with the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, and the CIA Information Act. We will search for records existing through the date of this acceptance letter.

Based on the information provided in your letter, we determined that your request falls into the "representative of the news media" fee category, which means you may have to pay for the cost of reproducing released records, which would be assessed at a rate of ten cents per page after the first 100 copies, which you receive free. As a matter of administrative discretion, and in accordance with our regulations, the Agency has waived the fees for this request.

The large number of FOIA requests CIA receives has created unavoidable delays making it unlikely that we can respond within the 20 working days the FOIA requires. You have the right to consider our honest appraisal as a denial of your request and you may appeal to the Agency Release Panel. A more practical approach would permit us to continue processing your request and respond to you as soon as we can. You will retain your appeal rights and, once you receive the results of our search, can appeal at that time if you wish. We will proceed on that basis unless you object.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Viscuso", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Susan Viscuso
Information and Privacy Coordinator